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OSAMA NOT HERE**July 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that analysts believe Osama Bin Laden is hiding out along Pakistan's mountainous border with Afghanistan. The US Military has been searching for Bin Laden for about 10 months now.

BUSH/FAITH BASED**July 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :44)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that President Bush pressed lawmakers to approve his proposals for revamping welfare and bringing religious groups into the social services network. However, the House and the Senate disagree on a variety of welfare issues. One of which is how much recipients would have to work to receive benefits.

AFGHANISTAN**July 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:56)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that growing evidence suggests that air strikes that hit Taliban targets may also have been intended for a compound where innocent civilians gathered to celebrate a wedding. The Pentagon says US planes were receiving anti-aircraft fire from the village.

MEDAL OF FREEDOM**July 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :18)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that President Bush presented the Medal of Freedom Award to a dozen of people who left their mark on the world. The medal is the nation's highest civilian honor given to those who contribute to US interests, further world peace, or set examples in culture or public affairs.

BUSH/WALL STREET**July 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:39)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush told a crowd of business executives that American is fed up with scandals and corruption at corporate headquarters. Bush wants longer jail terms for crooks and more money and investigators to track them down.

ALACRON SECESSION**July 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that State Senator Richard Alarcon does not support valley secession. He disagrees with many provisions in the secession plan. This includes the yearly payment of 128 million dollars by a New Valley to Los Angeles.

AL QAEDA**July 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :21)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that government sources say the FBI is tracking possible Al Qaeda operatives in several major cities across the country. The FBI is keeping a close watch on specific cities like Seattle, Chicago, Atlanta, and Detroit.

POLICE CHIEF**July 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :16)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that New York's former Police Commissioner William Braxton is considering a run for LAPD Chief. City Hall sources say Mayor Hahn is interested in Bratton's possible candidacy.

SHARPTON IN LA**July 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:05)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Reverend Al Sharpton made a plea for President Bush to do something about the Donovan Jackson arrest.

DAVIS/F-15's**July 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :29)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Governor Gray Davis asked the US Air Force to send F-15 fighter planes to combat the terrorist threat here. The planes would be used for homeland security patrol missions throughout the Southwest.

HAHN/MAGIC**July 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Mayor Jim Hahn and Magic Johnson have teamed up in opposition of valley secession. Johnson thinks that if Los Angeles breaks up it would be bad for African-Americans.

TRAFICANT**July 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the House Ethics Committee has decided Ohio Congressman James Traficant should be expelled from Congress. The committee ruled Traficant violated House Ethics rules because of his conviction on bribery, tax evasion, and fraud charges.

SIMON TAX PRESSER

July 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that after resisting for three months, GOP Gubernatorial Candidate Bill Simon is showing off his tax returns. The tax returns show that Simon made more than \$36 million over the past decade from a network of investments with his family.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

July 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that senators are hoping a compromise can be reached between two prescription drug proposals. Most democrats back a government run plan providing prescription drug benefits for senior citizens. Republicans favor coverage through private companies.

KROEKER LAPD

July 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that there are new developments in the controversy surrounding one of the leading candidates for LA police chief. At the center of the controversy is former LAPD deputy chief Mark Kroeker who is now the head of the Portland, Oregon Police Department. Kroeker previously told fellow LAPD officers that homosexuality is a perversion and that wives should be submissive.

PLEDGE COURT

July 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :14)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the House Judiciary Committee called for hearings to split the Appellate Court in two. The ninth circuit court of appeals is accused of holding too much power and making rash decisions.

SMOKING BAN

July 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :10)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that smoking in some areas of LA City Parks could be off limits. The LA City Council gave a final

approval to a ban on smoking near children's play areas in public parks.

SELLING AMERICA

July 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :46)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the White House has set up a "Public Diplomacy Office" which would work to counter the growing anti-American sentiment overseas. The two main targets are Europe and the Arab world.

SIMON BUSINESS

July 31, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that a jury handed down a \$65 million lawsuit against Bill Simon's family's investment company. Simon's campaign has been plagued by problems since the primary. Until recently, he fought a barrage of negative stories about using offshore shelters and his tax returns.

ANTI SF MONEY

Aug 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Assemblyman Keith Richman said Mayor Hahn is engaging in a conflict of interest by raising money for his anti secession campaign from businesses with close contacts with the city. Hahn is against the secession of Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley.

BUSH/BORN ALIVE

Aug 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that President Bush signed the Born Alive Infants Protection Act in Pittsburgh. The Act amends the legal definitions of "person," "human being," "child," and "individual" to include "any fetus that survives an abortion procedure." In the rare times fetuses are alive after abortion procedures, they are kept alive if possible.

AMBER ALERT

Aug 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that people credit the Amber Alert System for saving the lives of the two girls abducted from Palm Desert. There are critics that believe the statewide system is too slow and might not save lives the next time it is used.

SADDAM HUSSEIN

Aug 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein warned that the "forces of evil" should not attack Iraq or they will face death and humiliation. Hussein issued similar warnings prior to the Persian Gulf War, but the Iraqi leader also claims that he learned lessons from the Persian Gulf War.

NURSING STRIKE

Aug 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :34)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that more than 300 nurses are on strike at Saint Vincent Medical Center. Many of the nurses say they are on strike to get better care for their patients. Medical staff shortages are responsible for tens of thousands of hospital deaths every year.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Aug 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Global Green USA asked President Bush to attend an upcoming summit on global warming. The groups report calls for a \$100 million investment in renewable energy by the LA DWP and the City. It also call for creation of a global Solar Venture Fund.

FAA 9-11

Aug 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that as the 9-11 anniversary approaches, the Federal Aviation Administration said it has increased security on planes and in airports and has Norad monitoring planes 24 hours a day. Norad is the North American Air Defense Command.

NAVY POW

Aug 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :24)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Navy Pilot Scott Speicher was considered "missing in action" after his plane was shot down during Operation Desert Strom in 1991. Now the Navy is thinking about re-classifying him as "missing and captured." Iraq says the crash killed Speicher.

MIDEAST

Aug 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that Israeli prosecutors charged that Marwan Barghouti orchestrated more than three-dozen attacks against Israel. Barghouti is the second most popular

Palestinian leader and the first to be put on trial in an Israeli Civilian Court.

TERROR TAPES

Aug 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that videotapes surfaced that many believe Al Qaeda shot under the direction of Osama Bin Laden. The tapes show dogs being gassed as a test for chemical weapons and they give instructions on how to mix up powerful and deadly concoctions. The tapes seem to confirm that the Al Qaeda had deadly chemicals they were preparing to use on people.

IRAQ HOSTS

Aug 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:49)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that Iraqi dissidents took over the embassy in Berlin for five hours but were eventually routed by German police. The group wanted to demonstrate and highlight the suffering of the Iraqi people and express their wish to have Saddam removed from power.

AL RASHEED ALERT

Aug 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the FBI issued a global alert for the arrest of Saud Al-Rasheed. Government officials believe Al-Rasheed is not hiding in the US. Investigators believe that Al-Rasheed was directly connected to the September 11th attacks and could provide crucial information about the attacks if he is arrested.

BUSH/LATINOS

Aug 23, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT :31)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that President Bush is in California to help raise money for GOP Gubernatorial Candidate Bill Simon. Bush called Simon a breath of fresh air that California desperately needs. At an earlier rally in Stockton Bush did not mention Simon at all.

CA SMOKING AGE

Aug 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :19)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that state lawmakers are considering increasing the legal age for smoking cigarettes to 21. The legislature has to act quickly, it only has a week to pass the measure before summer recess.

MALDEF

Aug 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that LA community activists proposed a bill that would allow permanent residents to apply for driver's licenses. Governor Davis supports an amendment to the bill that would require immigrants to undergo criminal background checks and show proof of employment. MALDEF says the amendment unfairly targets immigrants and would lead to discrimination.

CARUSO/CHIEF

Aug 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:14)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the Police Commission narrowed down its list of candidates for LA Police Chief to 13. The Commission hopes to start interviewing the candidates soon. They are looking for each candidate's leadership abilities, vision for change, management skills, and political savvy.

BIN LADEN

Aug 28, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :24)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that based on intelligence reports, US troops are operating under the assumption that Osama Bin Laden is alive. US forces are still searching for Bin Laden and any terrorists or Al Qaeda supporter.

IRAQ TOUR

Aug 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that reporters were taken on a tour of a site west of Baghdad suspected of producing chemical and biological agents. Iraq claims the factory makes insecticides for home and farm use.

GUN MANUFACTURE

Aug 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :21)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a measure has passed the Senate and is waiting approval by Governor Davis that would allow people to sue gun makers who claim they were hurt by a gun's design flaws. Critics say the bill violates the right to bear arms and could lead to frivolous lawsuits.

STATE BUDGET

Aug 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :15)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that state lawmakers are setting an infamous record for the longest budget standoff in California history. The budget was supposed to go into effect 60 days ago, but the legislature still has not passed it.

IDS IMMIGRANTS**Aug 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :18)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the State Assembly approved a bill that will allow illegal immigrants to get California Driver's Licenses. If the measure becomes law, it will end up granting licenses to an estimated one million people. The State Senate still has to pass the bill.

LABOR BREAKFAST**Sep 2, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:06)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that democratic and republican hopefuls were out in the Southland. Governor Gray Davis cut the ribbon at a new union hall in the Westlake District of Los Angeles. Republican Bill Simon square danced at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda.

HOMELAND SECURITY**Sep 3, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :37)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the Senate started to debate on legislation to create a new homeland security department. There are differences between what the President wants and what Congress will give him.

IRAQ**Sep 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:14)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the World nervously watches to see if a war of works between the United States and Saddam Hussein will lead to a military attack. Political reporter Dave Bryan followed with a live report from the newsroom.

CONGRESS/NY**Sep 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that 300 members of Congress set aside partisan differences to honor New York City and its people hit hardest by the terror attacks. The Vice President of the US and lawmakers spoke of the lasting impact of September 11th.

HAHN SECURITY**Sep 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :36)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Mayor Hahn announced that the LA City has taken numerous security arrangements to prepare for the one-year anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Security was increased at LAX, the port of LA, governmental buildings, water facilities, and other locations the LAPD considered high risk.

KARZAI MEETING**Sep 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai spoke about the challenges his country faces and the progress made in front of members of the Council of Foreign Relations in New York. Karzai says Afghanistan's stability depends on cooperation and commitment from its neighbors in the region to fight terrorism.

WHITE HOUSE: IRAQ**Sep 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:12)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that President Bush and the White House are increasing the pressure on Congress about a possible attack on Iraq. Bush is also dropping hints that those who do not pay go along with the attack may pay a political price.

SIMON CAMPAIGN**Sep 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that Bill Simon's campaign advisers believe that the cloud of a multi-million dollar fraud finding against Simon's investment company is gone. They hope the \$4 million will buy a lot of new TV commercials and attract other big contributions.

DAVIS FUNDRAISER**Sep 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:17)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Governor Davis is keeping out of the public eye after canceling a controversial fund-raiser. Reporter Glen Walker followed with a live reporter from Cypress Park.

MIDEAST**Sep 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Israeli tanks stormed Gaza City killing nine Palestinians and injuring two dozen. There are no breakthroughs in talks at the Ramallah compound of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Arafat says there are no suspects inside his compound, but Israeli troops continue to surround the compound.

IRAQ TONIGHT**Sep 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :12)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that former Vice President Al Gore attacked Bush's Iraqi policy. Gore says the world is afraid what the US might do next.

BIN LADEN AD**Sep 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the New York Times carried an ad that depicts Osama Bin Laden in a pose like Uncle Sam with the words "I want you to invade Iraq." A non-profit corporation in Washington took out the ad.

9/11 INVESTIGATION**Sep 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :36)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that top officials at the CIA and FBI are defending themselves. Officials say they had limited resources that may have prevented them from accurately predicting the September 11th attacks.

CONDI RICE/IRAQ**Sep 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :34)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that White House officials said that Saddam Hussein and Al Quaeda plotted terrorist action together for quite some time. White House sources believe the new claims strengthen the case for an attack on Iraq.

DNA ANALYSIS**Sep 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :39)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that prosecutors and Victim's rights groups are pushing for a DNA Bill of Rights in California. They proposed legislation to give victims of sexual assault a series of rights regarding the prompt analysis of DNA samples. The shorter time will speed up the identification and arrest of suspects.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION**Sep 27, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:32)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that California's GOP big wigs are in Garden Grove for the Republican Convention. Reporter Linda Breakstone followed with a live reporter from Garden Grove.

IRAQ DEBATE**Sep 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:03)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the US and Britain gave Saddam Hussein one week to agree to disarm and open his palaces to weapons inspections or all necessary means will be used against him. Democrats are urging caution. A package followed.

LOPEZ ENDORSEMENT**Sep 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :12)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the Black American Political Association of California endorses Oxnard Police Chief Art Lopez for the next LAPD Chief. Members of the political association cite Lopez's record of trying to recruit more African Americans into his force. Mayor Hahn could make his final choice within two weeks.

BUSH:IRAQ**Sep 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:02)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the debate continues among US lawmakers as to whether the US should go to war with Iraq. A package followed.

VIENNA MEETING**Sep 30, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :21)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that meetings went underway in Vienna to solidify plans for the return of weapons inspectors to Iraq. Iraq said that inspectors would have to give them notice before inspecting Saddam's presidential palaces.

INMATES RELEASED**July 1, 10pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a huge budget shortfall may result in shorter jail stays for hundreds of LA County inmates. The inmates are those in jail on misdemeanor charges with bail under twenty-five thousand dollars. They would join the more than 2300 inmates who have already been released early since mid-June.

AMERICA WEST FIRE**July 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that American West will fire two of its pilots for trying to fly a plane while drunk. Both pilots had blood alcohol levels above the legal limit when they were ordered to return their plane to the gate. The pilots could place five years in prison.

NITE LAX**July 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:19)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that more information has been found on the man who walked into LAX and opened fire. Authorities say Hesham Mohamed Hadayet made it to the "El Al" counter with a couple of guns and enough ammo to kill dozens of people.

NURSING FRAUD**July 8, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :24)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a major nursing fraud has been discovered in the Southland. State Officials say the fraud enabled "unqualified" nurse assistants to go to work at dozens of local nursing homes. More than 70 people have been arrested for allegedly issuing the certificates.

FIFTEEN TO LIFE**July 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 4:33)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that with more than eleven thousand women behind bars, California has the largest female inmate population in the country except for Texas. About a thousand women in California were convicted of murder and they complain that they were never allowed to properly defend themselves. Some say their crimes were a result of abusive husbands and boyfriends.

MTA MOLEST**July 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:27)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the MTA is in trouble for not thoroughly checking out the bus drivers it hires. A tourist from North Carolina filed suit against the agency charging a veteran driver molested him. The victim recorded the incident on his camcorder.

HOMICIDES UP**July 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :22)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that according to the Los Angeles Police Department crime statistics, homicides are up 33 percent this year. Police say other violent crimes including rape, robbery, and aggravated assault were up 8.8 percent.

TEAM INTRO**July 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:24)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that new developments have been made in the investigation into the 16-year-old boy who was punched by an Inglewood Police officer. Joel Connable and Leyna Nguyen reported live with new information on this controversial story.

FOUR DEAD**July 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:51)**

KCAL9 reporter Nikki Jackson reported that the 8-year-old girl who was a member of the Whittier family found murdered inside their own home was also a victim of sexual assault before she was killed.

GANG RAPE**July 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that three teenage boys in Orange County charged with drugging and raping a teenage girl say they are innocent. The incident was recorded on videotape and occurred at the home of one of the suspects. Bail was set at 100 thousand dollars each and the boys are due back in court next month.

FOSTER CARE**July 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :43)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a Civil Rights Law Suit claims that LA County's Foster Care children are deprived of adequate mental health care. Coalitions of organizations are joining together in a class action suit. Lawyers say lack of mental care leads to fewer adoptions and poor foster care.

ADELPHIA ARREST**July 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :31)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the government arrested former Adelphia CEO John Rigas and his two sons for corporate accounting fraud. Investigators say they used billions of dollars in company stock to pay for vacations and develop a golf course.

MISSING MO GIRL**July 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :53)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported that police found the body of a missing 6-year-old girl. Police charged a local transient with the girl's murder. The suspect was a guest in the family's home at one time.

SEX OFFENDERS**July 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an LA County Supervisor proposed the creation of an internet-accessible map that indicates the general whereabouts of registered sex offenders living in the county.

UNSOLVED MURDER**Aug 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 3:23)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the La Habra Police Department is looking for anyone with leads on who killed Emilio Gomez almost three years ago. According to police and family, Gomez did not have any enemies. The La Habra Police Department urges anyone with information to call the anonymous tip line.

ANTHRAX SUSPECT**Aug 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:49)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that agents searched the apartment of a scientist they questioned before about last year's anthrax attacks. Investigators are being tight-lipped about the search and will not explain why it was conducted.

BEATING TONIGHT**Aug 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:30)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that they have studied the videotape of the violent arrest of a teenage boy. They do not want to share their findings with the public. Chief Banks says the next step in the case is to schedule an administrative hearing for the officers within the next two weeks.

KIDNAPPED GIRLS TEAM**Aug 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:30)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that there will be live team coverage on the two girls who were kidnapped at gunpoint. Joel Connable brings part of the girl's interview, Sandra Mitchell has new information on the investigation, and David Goldstein looks in depth at the criminal records of the kidnapper who was shot and killed.

TERROR ALERT**Aug 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :41)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Vice Chairman of the US Senate said America should be on high alert for possible terrorist attacks by Al Qaida. Senator Richard Shelby warned that Al Qaida might be desperate for a victory after the military campaign in Afghanistan.

PUMPKIN MURDER**Aug 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that a jury found Peter Solomona guilty of voluntary manslaughter for shooting a 17-year-old high school student who stole his Halloween decorations.

DRUNK PILOTS**Aug 5, pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Thomas Cloyd and Christopher Hughes made their first court appearance to face accusations that they were trying to fly drunk. A security tape shows the two men drinking heavily at a popular bar in the hours leading up to the July 1st arrests.

COUNSELOR ARREST**Aug 6, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a man working at Ohr Eliyahu Academy, a Jewish summer camp, has been charged with molesting two 4-year-old boys. Police arrested David Schwartz, but Schwartz has no affiliation with the Ohr Eliyahu Academy.

MARIJUANA PHOTO**Aug 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :19)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Glen Randall from Montabello pleaded no contest to drug charges after a photo shop employee noticed pot plants in pictures he dropped off to be developed. Miller said the pot was their for medicinal use.

POST OFFICE SHOOT**Aug 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :36)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that gun shots were fired at San Pedro's main post office following a heated argument. Police said the alleged gunman knew his victim and that bad blood already existed between the men. The victim is in the hospital in stable condition.

SEXUAL ASSAULT**Aug 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:43)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Hollywood that a man has struck for the fifth time in the Hollywood and Hancock Park areas. The man picks elderly women and then rapes and robs them.

DEA/DRUG BUSTS**Aug 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:25)**

KCAL9 reporter Cater Lee reported that dozens of cars have been seized and 12 people have been arrested all from a probe targeting drugs and money laundering. The cars were seized at Auto Market of Orange County on Harbor Boulevard.

CHILD PORN BUST**Aug 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:46)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that 20 people are in jail after government agents investigated an international online child pornography ring. Many of the people arrested were also the parents of the victims and sexually molested their own children.

PROSTITUTION CARS**Aug 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Councilman Tom Labonge want police to seize the cars of anyone trying to solicit prostitutes. Labonge needs the City Council to approve his plan to impound vehicles for at least 30 days. The vehicles would be declared a public nuisance so there would not be any need for a legal conviction.

US WEAPONS**Aug 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :50)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the Feds have charged a Canadian man with immigration and weapons charges. The man says he was running an anti-terrorism camp in New Mexico. Agents confiscated more than 2300 missiles and other munitions from the camp.

MARIJUANA BUST**Aug 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:23)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported live that two suspects are in custody after thousands of marijuana plants were seized from a pot plantation in the Angeles National Forest. The farm was a steep two-hour hike from Glendora Ridge Road.

FADE ID'S ARREST**Aug 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that Mohamed Elatriss was arrested at New York's Kennedy Airport as he returned from Egypt. Elatriss was accused of selling fake ID's to two of the September 11th hijackers. He faces up to five years in prison on charges of conspiracy and manufacturing and distributing fake documents.

OPERATION TARMAO**Aug 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:29)**

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that 81 employees at LAX and three other area airports were arrested for allegedly using fake identification. They allegedly got jobs with top security clearance by using false social security numbers.

OREGON MURDERS**Aug 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that investigators say they have positively identified the remains of two Oregon girls who vanished months ago. Their bodies were found buried in a backyard just down the street from their apartment complex. The prime suspect is a man who lives just down the street from where they disappeared.

MOLESTOR ARREST**Aug 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :17)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that misdemeanor charges were filed against Reverend Ken Bates and Principle Steven Owens for not reporting suspected child abuse at the church's school. The District Attorney's Office said the men were aware three boys were molested by a teacher from the Grace Christian Academy.

NIGHT KIDNAP**Aug 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that there is no trace of 9-year-old Nicholas Farber who was taken at gunpoint from his Palm Desert home. Joel Connable and Sarah Acevedo follow with live team coverage.

MISSING GIRL**Aug 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:00)**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that an Amber Alert is in effect for a missing 9-year-old. Police say her mother, who has a history of mental problems, took her during a visit to the Kern County Department of social services.

CAR INTO PEOPLE**Sep 2, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:04)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an elderly woman ran into a crowd of people waiting for the ferry on Balboa Island when her car suddenly lurched forward. Reporter Jay Jackson followed with a live report from Newport Beach.

KIDNAP ARREST**Sep 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that two men are in jail for the kidnap and murder of 9-year-old Nicholas Farber. Nicholas's body was found at a campground in eastern San Diego County inside a camper with his mother, another man, and Michael James Riley. Bail for all four is set at one million dollars each.

GAY BASHING**Sep 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:42)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a candlelight march was planned in response to the vicious beating of Treve Broudy, a gay man in West Hollywood. Reporter Nikki Jackson followed with a live report from West Hollywood.

HATE CRIMES**Sep 9, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:17)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a new report finds that hate crimes in Los Angeles County have increased as a result of the approaching September 11th anniversary. Jaime Garza followed with a package.

OSAMA TAPE**Sep 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:04)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a new Osama Bin Laden videotape appeared on the Arab satellite station Al Jazeera. There is no way to verify that the voice on the tape is Bin Laden's or to determine when or where the recording was made. Bin Laden has not

been seen or heard from since after the US bombing campaign in Afghanistan last October.

GOOD SAMARITAN

Sep 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :19)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a man became a real-life hero last night while he was driving down a North Hollywood Street with his family and saw a woman being assaulted. The man stopped his car, chased down the attacker, and held him until police arrived.

PACIOMA SHOOTING

Sep 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that that woman was killed and two teenagers were wounded in a drive-by shooting in the 13,400 block of Mercer Street in Pacoima. A gunman in a black vehicle shot the three victims. Police are asking for the publics help in finding the suspect.

KIDS HITRUN

Sep 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:13)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a hit and run accident in Florence left three children and a woman dead. Police believes the victims are members of the same family. Reporter Leyna Nguyen followed with a live report from Florence.

TEACHER STUDENT

Sep 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:22)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that an Inland Empire teacher who took a 15 year old student on a three day trip tryst to Las Vegas is facing up to 25 years in prison. Reporter Angela Chee followed with a live report from Las Vegas.

SCHOOL GUN

Sep 20, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :46)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that police are searching for a gunman who terrorized a female student at Whittier High School. The attack caused the school to go into a three-hour lock down mode. Reporter Nikki Jackson followed with a live report from Whittier.

HATE CRIME MEETING

Sep 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that an \$85,000 reward was offered for the capture of two suspects who used a metal pipe and baseball bat to attack a gay man. Another attack happened earlier in the month.

DUMPSTER BABY**Sep 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a woman is in a Riverside jail for trying to abandon her baby in a dumpster. A customer in a fast food lane at taco bell witnessed the woman put the four-month old infant in the trash bin. The woman changed her mind and then took the baby out of the trash. She is being held on suspicion of child endangerment.

GG SUSPECTS**Sep 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :33)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Jacob T. Marchesano is wanted in connection with the attempted murder of a police officer in Garden Grove. Marchesano has threatened other police officers who are trying to find him and says he will begin shooting people at random. Police are asking for the public's help in locating Marchesano's whereabouts.

VENDOR KILLED**Sep 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that 27-year-old Celverio Gonzales crashed his ice cream truck into the back of another car after being shot. Police have no idea how long Cruz had been driving before he lost consciousness. He died from his injuries hours after the crash. Police are searching for information that will lead them to the suspect.

PRIEST VICTIMS**Sep 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :39)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Alaskan authorities took 82-year-old former Los Angeles priest George Rucker into custody on a cruise ship in Alaska for alleged lewd acts on children. His arrest follows accusations by three women who said he sexually assaulted them. Rucker is facing 23 counts of lewd acts covering a period from 1947 to 1977.

RAPE SUSPECT**Sep 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:21)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police are desperate for the public's help in finding a rapist who might strike again. There was word that Sheriff's Detective talked to the suspect's father. Reporter Joel Connable followed with a live report from West Hollywood.

GOOD SAM CARJACKING**Sep 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a good samaritan followed a van that was carjacked with children inside of it. The man rammed the stolen car when it turned down a dead end street blocking the van in. Three other men chased the man on foot. The children are safe, but the suspect got away.

HOSPITAL DEATHS

July 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :36)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that an outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease at Good Samaritan Hospital was traced to the hospital's water system. Two people died from the disease and nine others got sick. The disease is not communicable from person to person.

MEN DOCTORS

July 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that men do not live as long as women because they do not like going to the doctor. American men on average live nearly 74 years and women live 80 years.

ESTROGEN RISK

July 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that government researchers at the National Institutes of Health have ended the nation's largest study on the combination of Estrogen and Progesterone better known as Hormone Replacement Therapy. Research shows that women were at a 26% increased risk for breast cancer, 29% increased risk for heart attacks, and a 41% increase for stroke. Previous studies on HRT were inconclusive or showed that the hormones actually protected the heart.

MILK WEIGHT LOSS

July 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :17)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new study shows that low fat milk is an excellent source of low-calorie protein. People who drink milk actually weigh less than those who do not. A substance in milk called "CLA," Conjugated Linoleic Acid, makes fat cells disappear.

AIDS/NO VACCINE

July 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that there is only one AIDS vaccine called Vaxgen. Although no vaccine is 100% effective, if this vaccine is even 30% effective, the company will apply for FDA approval. Once a vaccine is found it will need to be made available to all countries, especially those that cannot afford it.

KIDS COVERAGE**July 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :14)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a program is in the works to provide health insurance to babies and pre-schoolers in LA County who are not covered by other plans. The program will provide outpatient, hospital, vision, dental, prescription, and medical care.

BEST HOSPITAL**July 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an annual survey by US News and World Report ranked UCLA Medical Center among the best hospitals in the US. The magazine looks at such factors as reputation, mortality, and nursing care. John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore placed first.

OVARIAN CANCER**July 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :31)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that a measure has been introduced to Congress to encourage the development of a new blood test to detect ovarian cancer before it turns fatal. Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecological cancers. In the US alone, 14 thousand women died from in last year.

FAT HORMONE**July 24, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:02)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that UCLA doctors are performing a small study on weight loss with the hormone Leptin. The hormone helps control the appetite by telling our brain to stop eating. Doctors say leptin injections also dramatically improved the moods and brain functions of their three patients.

WINE DRINKERS**July 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :26)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition states that people who have a glass of wine with dinner are among the healthiest in the country. Doctors also found that wine drinkers were even healthier than those who do not drink any alcohol.

FEELING FIT**July 29, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:10)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the natural plant pigments that give berries, watermelon, and cherries their ruby red color are also powerful antioxidants that help keep us alive when they are eaten.

SUNBURN TREATMENT**July 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that despite education on sun protection and the availability of sun products many people do not remember to put sun block on.

EXTREME MEASURES**July 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that thousands of women die of breast or ovarian cancers each year. For some women, there is a strong family history of the disease. Cynthia Becker had her ovaries removed to cut the risk of getting ovarian and breast cancer, both of which run in her family.

AIDS STUDY**July 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :16)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the wide-spread use of Anti-Retro-Viral Drugs in the battle against AIDS helps slow the epidemic, by extending the lives of those infected and decreasing the number of new infections.

WEST NILE VIRUS**Aug 2, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :26)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that three more people died of the West Nile Virus, which brings the nation's death toll to four. All of the deaths occurred in Louisiana. There have been 58 people infected with the virus so far.

CONJOINED TWINS**Aug 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that twins who were born conjoined were separated in a 22-hour surgery. Now doctors and the girls' parents must wait to see how the twins recover.

BACK PACK INJURIES**Aug 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :51)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that physical therapist and Professor at Simmons College in Boston, Doctor Shelley Goodgold says parents need to be educated on safe backpack use and design. There are five warning signs of an overloaded backpack. These signs include when a child struggles to put on or take off the backpack, the child changes his or her posture when wearing it, there are red marks on the back or shoulders, pain in the neck, shoulder, back, or knee area, and numbness or tingling of the arms or hands.

HERPES/MANICURE**Aug 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:30)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that a woman who went to an Aurora Nails Salon to have a manicure contracted the herpes virus from unsanitary tools used at there. The woman did not file a written complaint with the state until four years after she contracted the virus.

QUORN THREAT**Aug 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :29)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the Center for Science in the Public Interest wants Quorn taken from store shelves. Quorn is a fungus found in certain veggie-burgers, veggie-cutlets, and veggie-chicken patties. The group accused the FDA of ignoring warning signs and not investigating the products before it was introduced to US store shelves in January.

HEALTHY BEER**Aug 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that beer may be better for a person's health than red wine. Research studies show that a beer a day may help protect against hypertension. Beer is rich in B-vitamins which keeps chemical linked to heart disease at lower levels.

OVERWEIGHT STUDY**Aug 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that nearly 200 people are trying to prove whether or not the Atkins diet really works. The diet emphasizes the consumption of more fat and less carbohydrates. The subjects will be divided into two groups, one groups will follow the Atkins diet and the other group will be on a more traditional low-fat diet.

KIDS ALTERNATIVE**Aug 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :21)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that doctors encourage parents to research herbal remedies before they give them to their children. Most herbs have not been tested on either kids or adults so there is not proof that the supplements are safe or effective.

MENINGITIS**Aug 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:13)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that long lasting protection against meningitis might be in the works. Doctors are performing a study at Radiant Research Austin. They are using a new vaccine doctors hope will one day extend meningitis protection to patients for years instead of only months.

ASPARATAME WARNING**Aug 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:05)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Aspartame is a common artificial sweetener used in many household products. The additive Aspartame is often a trigger for people who get migraines. Doctors warn that migraine sufferers should read labels on products that contain artificial sweeteners.

HEART TEST**Aug 20, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that there is a new heart test that could save lives and only costs ten dollars. The blood test checks a kind of protein that measures inflammation of the arteries. The inflammation can lead to heart attacks, but if it is detected early it can be treated with medication and exercise.

KILLER FLU**Aug 21, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :36)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a potentially dead strain of influenza could break out around the world. The last outbreak was 35 years ago and health officials say we are overdue for another outbreak. Scientists are monitoring flu viruses and looking for any signs of mutation.

BROCCOLI PILL**Aug 22, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :24)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the American Chemical Society is working on a broccoli compound that could help prevent

breast cancer. The pill works on mice but has not been tested on humans.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Aug 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that school lunches cannot contain more than 30 percent of a child's daily requirement of fat or ten-percent of saturated fat. Most school now offer many healthy choices.

CAT SCANS

Aug 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :35)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that federal health officials say that the CT Scan may do more harm than good for healthy people. The officials say that there is no evidence the scans detect anything early enough to make a difference in treatment or cure. Additionally, a clear scan might give a false sense of security and expose them to unnecessary doses of radiation.

SMALL POX

Aug 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :29)

KCAL9 Jaime Garza reported that researches at the University of North Carolina have found that people vaccinated for smallpox 35 years ago may still have substantial immunity to the virus. Researchers previously thought the vaccine was only effective for up to ten years. The findings mean people may not have to be re-vaccinated if there is a limited supply of the vaccine.

WORST FAST FOOD

Aug 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the non-profit Center for Science in Public Interest completed a study that puts Burger King in first place for the fattiest fast food. Burger King's Old Fashion Shake and french fries topped the list. However, the Chicken Whopper and Veggie Burger made the list for best choices in fast food.

SOY GIRLS

Sep 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :31)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that researchers at USC released a new study showing that girls who include soy in their diets may prevent breast cancer later in life. The study found that girls who ate soy on a weekly basis between adolescence and adulthood reduced their risk of breast cancer by fifty percent.

MCDONALD'S OIL**Sep 3, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that McDonald's will change its cooking oil soon to cut trans-fatty acids by nearly half while boosting the more beneficial poly-unsaturated fat. The number of calories will not go down, but the oil will be healthier for the heart.

WEST NILE CALIFORNIA**Sep 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :17)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that LA County health officials are treating a woman with symptoms consistent with the West Nile Virus. This is the first sign of the virus west of the Rockies. Reporter Cater Lee followed with a live reporter from Downtown LA.

FRENCH FRIES**Sep 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Council for Education and Research on Toxic is suing McDonalds and Burger King for exposing customers to a cancer-causing substance in their french fries. McDonalds disputes the charge saying its food meets or exceeds all federal regulations.

9/11 TV TRAUMA**Sep 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the pain of 9-11 may be too much for some people to bear when the images are re-broadcast on television. Psychologist Dr. Mark Baker suggests focusing on the positive to help cope with the pain or avoiding the images all together.

STROKE PREVENTION**Sep 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:26)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported tips that people can do to help protect themselves from strokes. After age 50, every person should take one baby aspirin daily, check blood pressure regularly, and eat healthy to lower their chances of a stroke by 90 percent. By 2010, the American Heart Association wants to reduce the number of strokes by 25 percent.

W. NILE BIOTERRORISM**Sep 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:24)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that health officials in California are more worried about what to do about the West Nile Virus now that it is

here as opposed to how it got to California. Orange County experts say it is not a matter of "if" the West Nile Virus will spread it is a matter of when it will spread. A package followed by Orange County reporter Michele Gile.

MISSION VIEJO SMOKING

Sep 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :18)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that an anti-smoking proposal in Mission Viejo would ban smoking and other tobacco use in all areas of the city. The ban would include parks, sports fields, and hiking trails. The proposal will be voted on tomorrow.

TWINS/LABOR SECRETARY

Sep 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the two twin Guatemalan girls who were separated at the head are showing amazing progress. The girls may be released from the hospital in the next few weeks. The Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao, visited the girls and thanked doctors and nurses for their care.

HEATHER WHITESTO

Sep 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the former Miss America received a Cochlear implant that improves sound quality and speech recognition. Doctors say it will take a while for her to decipher all sounds, but it will just take a matter of time for her to feel comfortable with it.

WOMAN BIO CLOCK

Sep 23, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that nearly 20 percent of women in their early forties do not have children and fertility doctors say it is because they waited too long. However, many women are not ready to have children soon.

WOUND THERAPY

Sep 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :32)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that new therapy at a New York hospital is saving lives for people who suffer from chronic wounds. Each patient undergoes a comprehensive physical exam and specialized testing to determine the blood supply in the affected area. An innovative grafting procedure called an Apligraf is then applied to the wound area to promote healing.

WATER FAINTING**Sep 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :43)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that as study by scientists at Vanderbilt University say that drinking water can help prevent fainting. The new information can help those who donate blood or who have to stand for long periods of time.

HEPATITIS C**Sep 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :24)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that an experimental injection called Pegasys is effective at fighting the most resilient forms of Hepatitis C. Health experts predict a surge of cases of Hepatitis C liver damage over the next few years.

HEARING LOSS**Sep 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that doctors say hearing loss can effect all ages. There are two types of hearing loss, that caused by something blocking the sound like wax or an infection and that caused by nerve damage. The first type is correctable through surgery, but the second type is only correctable through the use of a hearing aid.

TWINS UODATE**Sep 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :24)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the two Marias are steadily improving. Maria de Jesus is moving from intensive care to a private room. Maria Teresa has been upgraded to fair condition. Doctors say the girls can go to Guatemala next month.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE**Sep 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :33)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the FDA approved a pill called INSPRA that blocks the effects of the hormone Aldosterone. An increase of Aldosterone can lead to high blood pressure. Doctors say that patients can reduce the risks of high blood pressure by simply changing their lifestyle.